

The quietest man in the Senate is Mr. Payne, of Ohio. He has plenty of things on his mind, but they are not of a character to excite him to verbal eruption. Mr. Payne is the man, by the way, who terminated the epoch, soon after his election, with the remark that the hour had struck when "the Augean stable of political corruption must be cleaned out with a tooth-brush." It would be interesting to know how he enjoys the process so far as he has got with it.

In the opinion of Senator Evarts, three principles make up the modern philosophy of progress, to-wit: Education, industry and suffrage. And on these the Republican party must frankly and firmly plant itself if it is to renew its career of conquest and surpassing influence. This means, plainly speaking, that future success is to be had only by a definite adherence to the fundamental doctrines of the party, and not by subordinating such things to the personal dreams and schemes of any one man, or group of men. There is nothing new in such a view, but it is important, nevertheless, and cannot be too frequently urged.

GRAIN IN STORE IN CHICAGO.

Weekly statement, compiled from the books of the State Warehouse Registra, showing the amount, in bushels, of each kind of grain now in the Public Warehouses of Chicago the close of business on

SATURDAY, February 20, 1886.

Kind of grain	Increased or decreased	To, from	Amount
Wheat	18,271	62,989	181,221
Barley	2,098	11,202	13,300
Oats	11,202	11,202	11,202
Rye	11,202	11,202	11,202
Corncobs	11,202	11,202	11,202
Total	42,773	96,595	139,367

As an exchange touches upon an important point when it says in English court has decided that theatrical management is a private business and that a manager has the right to refuse admission to an objectionable person, even if he has purchased a ticket to the performance. The person so debarred from entering the theatre cannot recover damages, although he can enforce the refunding of the money paid for his entrance ticket. This is a sensible ruling, and managers of places of amusement should see that no improper characters are admitted to have seats next to respectable people, at least, as is the case in many of our opera houses.

ATENA'S SARSAPARILLA

is the best medicine for everyone in the spring. Emetics and travelers will find it an efficient cure for eruptions, boils, pimples, eczema, etc., that break out on the skin. The effect of disorder in the blood, caused by sea diet and loss on board ships.

Special Notice.

The Illinois Central R. R. is prepared to furnish tickets and check baggage to all points east, west, north or south, at lowest rates. Call on agent at this place, or address W. A. Steedly, Passenger Agt., Macon, Ill. 24 dwt

Australia.

BAK FAULTS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A Melbourne dispatch states that the failure of the Commercial Bank at Adelaide will not have a serious effect on the Australian commercial interests. Though the bank has many branches, its principal business was done in Adelaide. The failure is attributed to speculations in the gold mines. The investments happened to be in locations from which trade has been diverted to German sources by reason of the recent announcement of the bank's directors and its withdrawal from the gold mines.

Servia.

KING MILAN'S PREDECESSOR.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—News from Servia continues to be of a disquieting nature. A Vienna dispatch states that a renewal of hostilities on Monday is looked upon as certain, as King Milan is in no dangerous position that he has nothing to lose and everything to gain by a desperate movement. The canal in favor of the Government is growing in strength, and the overburdened people are ripe for revolt unless some coup d'etat by the Emperor Franz Joseph, upon the ground that the priest wrought many miracles.

Italy.

KNIGHTED AT LAST.

ROME, Feb. 25.—The Pope has issued a decree bestowing Father Hofbauer, a priest, who died in Vienna in 1820, aged seventy years. This recognition of the worth of Father Hofbauer has long been urged by the Emperor Franz Joseph, upon the ground that the priest wrought many miracles.

MATRIMONIAL.

Wedding of Thos. A. Edison, the inventor, and Miss Mina Miller.

ARKON, O., Feb. 25.—Thos. Edison and Miss Mina Miller, second daughter of James Miller, superintendent of the Buckeye Paper and Mower Works, were married here at the bride's home at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. E. Young, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, officiated. Mr. Edison was attended by Lieutenant E. W. Tappan, of the United States navy. About a hundred and twenty-five guests were in attendance. The wedding season was literally covered with decorations, costing \$600.

Latest Novelties.

James Morrison is Swiss, Cambric and Ladies' Underwear, with all the latest novelties, with "all" to match. Also a beautiful line of colored Edgings with cloth and all to match. Together with an elegant line of French and Swiss lace, new styles, Oriental Laces as well as large assortment of White Goods, Linens and Sateens.

Is Prof. Ferry's last week in the examinations are giving satisfaction. I. Ferry, his 75-cent course will be given you to the University of Pennsylvania, and give you a diploma, Office No. 10, 10th St., Phila.

BY TELEGRAPH

FROM WASHINGTON.

Solicitor-General Goode—Favorable Action on the Eads Ship Canal Bill.

Meeting of the American Institute of Civil Engineers—National Educational Association on Government Aid.

The Meteorological Conference—Readjustment of Consular Fees—New National Banks—The Pan-Electric.

Good Mr. Solicitor-General Goode. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Solicitor-General Goode's statement in regard to the alleged charges against him before the Senate Judiciary committee, that they are unqualifiedly false, and that he courts the fullest investigation. He has never had any connection, direct or indirect, with any election frauds in Virginia or elsewhere, and has had no knowledge of any fraud in the Forty-fourth Congress, he said that the seat was awarded him by the House after the full investigation, and that there was no information from any source of any fraud or any other charge reflecting upon his character as a man of honor and integrity. The contest turned chiefly on the admissibility of the navy yard vote, which he claimed had been carried by intimidation and coercion. As to the charge that he had accepted a fee of \$500 for obtaining a seat in the Forty-fourth Congress, he said that the fee was paid by a man for any such service. Mr. Goode states that the charge referred to had been made by Senator Mahone, who has been for years his personal enemy. He says he has made an effort to obtain charges against him, but thus far without success.

Meeting of the American Institute of Civil Engineers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The American Institute of Civil Engineers, met here yesterday. Over one hundred and fifty members were present, including many of the deepest thinkers on educational subjects in this country. Chief Justice Waite presided. Remarks on the best means for carrying forward the work of education were made by Senator Hawley, Justice Strong, ex-commissioner of Agriculture, Loring, Commissioner of Education, Eakin, and Randall Waite, Hon. H. A. Mowry, of Massachusetts; Congressman Warner, of Ohio; General Mussey, of the District of Columbia, and Dr. John Allen, of New York.

The Passage of the Eads Ship Canal Bill to Be Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The committee of the House was yesterday afternoon, and by a vote of 9 to 4, decided to recommend the passage of the Eads ship canal bill. The vote in committee stood: For—Reagan, Clardy, Irwin, Davis, Byrum, O'Reilly, Wagner, Tarnsey, Johnson, Agnew, Crisp, Caldwell, O'Ferrall, Morrow, Mr. Duhamel was absent on leave. Mr. Pulitzer was not present to vote.

The National Educational Association on Government Aid to Education.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The members of the National Educational Association, now in session here, called at the Executive Mansion yesterday, and were received by the President. The association at the meeting yesterday heard a paper by Prof. Lovett, of Alabama, on "National Aid to Education." In the discussion which followed, Congressman Willis, of Kentucky, earnestly advocated such aid, and favored the passage of the Blair Educational bill. The last night session "The Educational and Religious Interests of the Colored People of the South" was discussed by S. M. Finger, of North Carolina, and Dr. John L. Buchanan, of Virginia.

Banished the Daisy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Ollie Ellis, the Chicago "Daisy," and her companion, David S. Ketchum, who were arrested here Tuesday and jailed, were brought into the police court yesterday and pleaded not guilty to the charge of being suspicious characters. Each gave bond for twenty dollars and agreed to leave the city. A detective took the "Daisy" to a photograph gallery and obtained a good likeness of her, and later in the day she and her companion left for Baltimore.

New National Banks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., capital \$250,000, and the First National Bank of Calumet, Minn., capital \$100,000, were chartered in the German women and physicians for first using Red Clover blossoms as a medicine. Best results were obtained with combined with other medicinal roots and herbs, as in Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic, which is the best known remedy for all blood diseases, stomach and liver troubles, pimples, eruptions, bad breath, piles, skin and malarial diseases, indigestion, loss of appetite, low spirits, headache and all diseases of the blood. Price 50 cents, of Dr. J. J. Shores.

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styles, ladies' extra fine Gossamer rubbers 25c for spring; rubber patching with hand for cement 25c. Shoes cheaper than ever before at 25c. Powers & Haverstock's.

Shenandoah & Co's White Flour.

and Daily Bread flour still takes the lead, and is sold by all dealers and at our mill. 15c. Have you tried Lincoln's Coal? 15c. dwt

READJUSTMENT OF CONSULAR FEES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Congressman Belmont's bill to readjust consular fees contains in a measure for the compensation which by the bill are taken from them. The consuls-general at Liverpool and Paris, who, it is said, will resign if the notarial fees are taken from them, get salaries of \$5,000 each, and make over \$25,000 to \$30,000 out of these fees. According to Mr. Belmont's plan of adjustment of salaries they would get about ten thousand dollars each.

The Pan-Electric Telephone Matter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The House committee on rules yesterday agreed to report back Mr. Hanaback's resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the Pan-Electric telephone matter. The committee will probably consist of nine members.

THE FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Senate took up the joint resolution authorizing the President to grant pardons to one or more army officers to accept temporary service. The resolution was agreed to, and it is said to give time for the preparation of amendments.

The House bill permitting National banks to change their name, location and capital.

The House bill permitting National banks to change their name, location and capital was passed by the House yesterday. The bill was introduced by Mr. Hanaback, and was passed by a vote of 100 to 80. The bill is designed to give National banks the same privileges as State banks in changing their name, location and capital.

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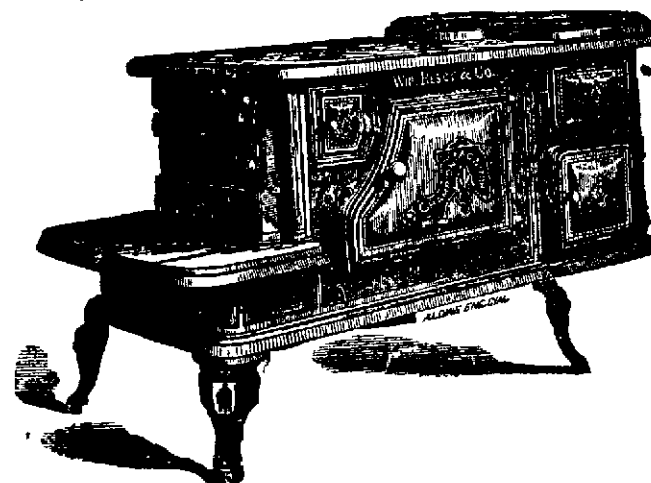
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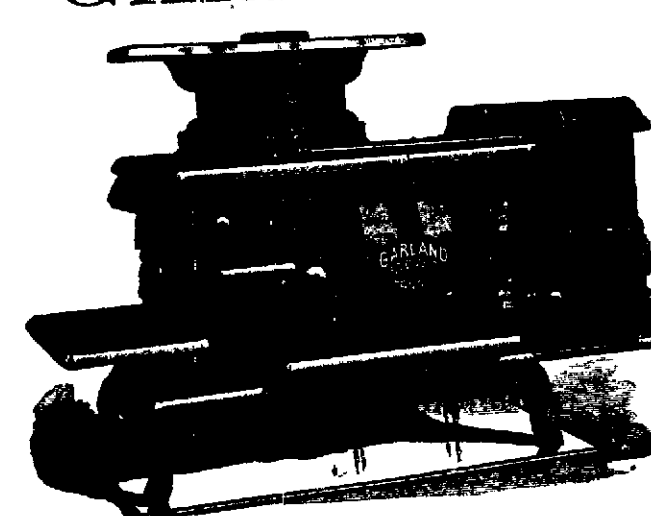
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THURSDAY EVE., FEB. 25, 1886.

LOCAL NEWS.

Baby Carriages, \$2.50 to \$35.00 each, at E. D. HANCOCK & CO.

Attend the concert to-night at Stapp's Chapel.

Stapp & Co. donation drawing will occur on Saturday, March 6th.

Staines and McGowan were acquitted on the cattle-stealing charge.

The air was dotted with snow this morning, wind from the north.

Go to D. S. Shellabarger & Co.'s for Flour, Meal and all kinds of Mill Feed.

Big sale of damaged dolls at the 99 cent store.

Prediction for to-day: "Colder, clearing weather, preceded this a. m. by light rains. Cold wave."

The popular flour in the White Flour brand on sale at all leading grocery stores.

Ask for D. S. Shellabarger & Co.'s Roller Process Pearl corn meal; guaranteed superior to any made in the state.

Rain last evening, followed by a blizzard in the night and snow this morning. These sudden changes are not good for the wheat.

Removes expenses by buying Lincoln Coal. E. L. Martin, Agt.

HARRY WEBBER, the comedian of "Nip and Tuck" fame, supported by a strong company, will be at the opera house all next week at museum prices.

J. G. DANKS and Son at the Merchant street meat market, have on sale the remainder of this week a fine lot of spare ribs—last of the season.

Memo books worth \$10 for 50 cents at C. B. Prescott's store. The books contain songs and instrumental selections well known and popular. No trashy stuff.

Call at Hanks & Patterson's store for anything you want in the family grocery line.

Rev. T. DeWitt TALMAGE will deliver his lecture at the opera house on Thursday evening, March 18th.

New Spring Millinery on sale to-morrow, February 24th.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.

Yesterday Officer Cole got a telegram stating that his mother, Mrs. Mary Cole, had died at her home at Barry, Conn's. Her age was 65 years. She formerly resided in Decatur.

New Goods just received at the 99 cent store—fancy stationery, clothes racks, house curtain poles, and lots of other things. Call and see.

FOR SALE—The house and lot No. 109 West Jefferson St.; cheap for cash, or on easy terms. It is a desirable property for a family residence. Call on J. H. Myers at 109 West Jefferson St., or at Myers & Sons Art Store, Decatur, Ill.

JUSTICE EYMAN filed Fred Salazar's \$3 and costs, after a patient hearing of the testimony. A. G. Webber and D. Hutcheson were the opposing attorneys who wrestled with the witnesses and the interpreter.

Deal with Peter Ulrich, the live grocer, and get the best supplies for the table.

A MARAL INVENTOR took with each bottle of Salazar's Cherry Balm. Price 50 cents. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling.

Just the thing for card parties—the finest line of Playing Cards and Chips to be had in the city, at Mueller & Son's Sporting Emporium, 138 Merchant street.

MAUD VILLARS, who was lately released from the county jail, having served out her term for petit larceny, was on the streets last evening very anxious to find Officer Helmick. A portly negro with a lantern lighted her to police headquarters.

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PICK & CO., in opera house, have taken this agency for Orange Blossom and Red Cross Flour—the same brands that have heretofore been sold by V. H. Parks. Call on them for it.

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

A LARGE number of friends attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Frank Meyer, the young wife and mother, which took place yesterday afternoon from the German Lutheran church, Rev. Landgraf officiating. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Adam Seeforth, Henry Kessner, John Paul, Henry Amman, William Danzsen, Charles Welfel, William Brummett and Frank Bimley.

A WESTERN newspaper says that the latest sensation is St. Louis horse that chews tobacco; and the greatest sensation is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Salvation Oil is the greatest pain-destructor of the age. It speedily annihilates pain, whether from a cut, bruise, scald, burn, frost-bite, or from a wound of any other kind. Price only 25 cents.

Laces, Curtains, Net, Scarf, Cloth, Lace Bed Sets, &c., at the

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CHAPMAN STORE.

LOVELY ornaments for the home on sale at Duntman & Meyer's furniture store.

"HACKMETACK," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 cents and 50 cents. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

WHY WILL YOU cough when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief? Price 10 cts., 50 cts. and \$1. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

PATRONIZE Niedermeyer on the Mound. He delivers family groceries promptly and makes a specialty of fresh butter.

FOR DYSPENTIC and Liver Complaint, you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Viator. It never fails to cure. Sold by S. M. Irwin and C. F. Shilling, druggists.

Orders for Decatur coal taken at the shaft or at Armstrong's drug store. Orders promptly filled. Terms cash.

TELEPHONE to J. W. Baker at P. O. Book Store for clean Decatur coal. 394t

Wholesale Route.

The Wabash is now running through coach to Kansas City, without change, via Hannibal, leaving Decatur at 8:30 p. m., arriving in Kansas City at 7:30 a. m. Call at Wabash ticket office for rates and all information.

John Baker's son Philip, who visited Chicago two weeks ago, called for home last Thursday.

SENATION AT NANTIC.

December and May try to escape—An Arrest and Trial.

There was a decidedly animated social sensation at Nantico yesterday, in which a venerable citizen of Illinois, who has survived for 70 years, and a miss of 15 short summers, figured as the principal characters. Strange to state, both are lovers, and are determined to wed, though the old man takes great risks in putting off the solemnization of the ceremony, as his days upon earth are few.

The name of the amorous veteran is Joshua Phillips, who, it appears, has won the heart and hand of Fannie Chambers, whose step-father is Douglass Tiptott, who resides near Nantico. Joshua had paid Fannie marked attentions for a few weeks, and when he popped the question, she unconditionally and promised to become his bonnie, fair-haired bride, etc. Having made himself solid with the young lady, Joshua next called upon Mrs. Tiptott, her mother, and pleaded for her consent and blessing. The mother caused a cold chill to creep down the spinal column of the love-sick and gray-haired swain, by emphatically stating in reply: "No, sir! No, sir! She is too young."

Determined not to be foiled in his plans, the energetic Joshua said he would have the girl or die, and as there was no other way to attain the desired end, he resorted to strategy and planned an elopement. But that scheme failed, and everybody in Nantico town became acquainted with the facts in the case, when Mr. Tiptott got 'Squire Cassell to issue a warrant for the arrest of Phillips on a charge of abduction. The hearing was held yesterday afternoon before 'Squire Cassell, whose court room was crowded to hear the testimony. It is reported as having been rich and racy. Capt. Wilkinson was the attorney for the defendant, and Mr. Tiptott conducted the spirited prosecution. After a patient hearing of the evidence on both sides, the 'Squire decided that the plaintiff had no case, and Mr. Phillips was accordingly discharged.

It is stated that Mr. Phillips, who feels keenly the disappointment at the unceremonious frustration of his plans, has said that he will patiently wait until the maiden becomes her own boss, and that she has said she will remain true to him until death. Fannie has been taken back home and longer and stouter strings have been tied to her apron. Joshua will go back to Illinois and bide his time until 1887.

Wabash and Caldwell Happy.

Two of the happiest men in Decatur today are J. A. Moffitt and C. M. Caldwell, highway commissioners for Decatur township, who have come out victors in the Wabash bridge case that was appealed by them to the appellate court at Springfield. The three commissioners contracted with the Indianapolis company to build the bridge for \$6,625, and they asked the county to pay half the bill, but the board refused to allow that amount, deciding to give only \$2,700 and no more. A suit was begun in the circuit court by Moffitt and Caldwell to compel the county board to pay the \$3,925, but Mr. Antrim was not a party to the action. The commissioners got an adverse decision, and the case as above stated was taken to the appellate court, the decision of that court to-day being in favor of the commissioners, who were represented by W. C. Johns, Esq. This practically settles the dispute, and the county will have to come down and pay its just share for the construction of one of the best bridges in the county, which is used more by the people in the country than by those of Decatur township. Moffitt and Caldwell feel very much gratified at the outcome of the litigation, which ought not to have got into court, but should have been settled at once by the county board, which under the law, is obliged to pay half the expense of constructing a necessary bridge when the commissioners comply with the law, as they certainly did in this case.

The Gas Case.

The latest move in the case of The City vs. The Decatur Gas Co. was witnessed in court this morning. The city wants the company to exact only \$1.50 per 1000 feet for gas, but the company wants pay at the rate of \$2.00 per 1000 feet. Owing to the absence of Hugh Green, who is in New York, on an agreed stand of facts the case has been submitted to Judge Smith, to be decided by him in vacation, not later than April 1st of the present year.

The O. S. Compromise.

The parties assessed for the old square paving improvement are forking over the money at the rate of \$4.00 per front foot, and all are expected to pay up by March 1st, or stand a racket in the county court.

The Prize Drill—Presentation.

The prize drill at the armory of the Decatur Guards last night for the \$25 gold medal was a close contest, witnessed by a large audience. The competitors were Lieut. Swearingen, Privates McClelland, Cassell and Montgomery, and the judges were Captain G. R. Bacon, Major W. H. Elwood and Captain Fisher. The decision was given in favor of Lieut. Swearingen, who will wear the badge as the best drilled member of the Guards until some one snatches it from him by better drilling. Major Elwood, who lately resigned as Captain of the Guards by reason of his promotion by election to the dignity and honor of a regimental officer, was made the victim of a surprise. It was the formal presentation by Lieut. Cornthwaite on behalf of Company B of an elegant dress parade uniform. The major accepted the handsome present with fitting words of thanks.

BEANS-T WHEELER had his preliminary examination at Clinton last evening and was held to bail in the sum of \$100, for practicing an alleged confidence game on a stranger. Wheeler is a new agent on the Illinois Central railroad, and returned to Clinton last evening, accompanied by the morning train. Wheeler has been furnished bail for his appearance. A jury will probably acquit him. Money in books offered for sale figures in the case.

Decatur Escapement No. 37, I. O. O. F.

Regular meeting this (Thursday) evening at 7:30. All Patriarchs in good standing are requested to be present. There will be work. F. M. Pratt, G. R. J. C. Marx, Scribe.

Donation Notice.

The members and friends of the U. B. church will meet at the church Thursday evening, March 4th, to make the pastor, Rev. A. C. Book, a donation. We hope they will bring something for the pastor, and some expecting to have a good time. H. W. Thompson, P. E.

Birthday Dinner Party.

While the editors of the state were having a big time at the Free Association meeting at Central last night, the members of the Decatur press were charmingly entertained from 6 to 10 at the home of Mrs. Arthur S. Robinson at 319 South Broadway, who gave a dinner party at 7 o'clock in honor of the 49th birthday anniversary of her father, Mr. Joseph R. Mosser, of the REPUBLICAN. The guests were Frank E. Hall, V. N. Hostetter and Will F. Snyder, of the Herald, Charles N. Wagonseller, of the Review, Judge C. B. Smith, John A. Brown, master in chancery, Manager Frank Haines, B. E. Hamsher and John Young, of the REPUBLICAN. The splendid spread which was prepared by Mrs. Robinson was faultless and embraced a full measure of substantial, with a generous display of Florida and California fruits, Neapolitan ice cream and other delicacies—forming a feast that in the judgment of the experienced reporter was just perfect. After an hour at the festive board the company adjourned to the parlors where the guests were supplied with Havana, and where a little incident cut down on the bills was witnessed. It was the surprise presentation of Charles Dickens' complete works in fifteen volumes to Mr. Mosser as a memento of his birthday anniversary and a slight token of the good wishes of his brother members of the city press. The volumes were formally presented by Judge Smith, and Mr. Mosser received the gift with appropriate words of grateful acknowledgment. Several hours were spent in social conversation and participation in what proved to be a most enjoyable and interesting evening. The veteran Decatur editor a long and happy life.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Michael Troutman has decided not to visit Chicago at present.

Mrs. Geo. R. Dodson is home from a pleasant visit to relatives at Homer.

Mrs. M. T. Bonfield is enjoying a visit from her brother, C. P. Nowland, of Danville, Ind.

Secretary Barnes, of the Commonwealth, is home from a trip to the North-western cities.

Wabash Engineer Zink and family have returned from the North Pole region.

Mrs. John King and Mrs. J. H. Sears are in Bloomington on a visit to Mrs. Hartman and other friends.

Mrs. Wm. Shively, of Lafayette, Ind., a cousin of Mrs. L. H. Haworth, died this morning. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

Mrs. E. Huntington Henkle, who is to claim our people by her sweet singing at the Stapp's Chapel concert, has arrived in the city. Hear her to-night.

The two large oil paintings in Tyler's store window are the work of Grace Blythe, a little miss of twelve years, who is quite an artist.

Dr. S. H. Swain, V. S., was called by phone on Monday to Bement, Ill., to treat a valuable animal for Mr. John Rosch, and on Tuesday to Voorhies, where he performed a very delicate operation on a horse's eye for Mr. Joseph McCabe.

Rev. James Linton conducted the services at the funeral of the late Dr. Peter Akers, at Jacksonville, and preached the sermon. Rev. J. P. Dimmick, who officiated at the funeral, was assisted by Rev. James Reed made brief remarks.

James Reed Dills, a young author of Decatur, too familiarly styled "the man with long hair," is a contributor of "Random Sketches" to that wide-circulating illustrated journal, "The Sunny South," published at Atlanta, Ga., by Col. John H. Seale.

Mrs. Fannie Smith-Gray, of Leadville, Colorado, is a guest of Mrs. Davis May and family. She was formerly a teacher in the Decatur schools and has many friends here who will be glad to make her stay pleasant.

W. H. O'Brien, of the Star Iron Tower Co., who put up the electric light towers in Decatur, will leave to-night for Ft. Wayne, Ind. Thence he will go to Hannibal, Mo., to put up 11 towers, and from that point he goes to the old city of Mexico, superintending the work of erecting 50 towers.

William Peterson, advance agent for Harry Webber, the comedian, is in the city. The company will appear here in next week in a fine line of comedies, including "The Bachelors' Club," "The Editor," "Spider's Web," "Thunderbolt and Success." Prices—15, 25 and 35 cents.

THE DECATUR STAGE.

TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The Mendelssohn Quintette Club, has arrived and will appear to-morrow night before a large and music-loving audience. Said the Peoria Transcript of the 24th: "Seldom has it been the opportunity of a Peoria audience to witness so really an enjoyable entertainment as was offered last night by the Boston Mendelssohn Quintette Club. The Boston Club needs no word of favorable comment. They have been organized so long that the names of the club is familiar to almost every audience in the country. They were received last night with hearty applause and many an encore. The singing by Miss Edith Edwards was excellent and heartily applauded."

THE SPECTACULAR DRAMA.

The great Michael Strogoff military and spectacular drama will be presented Saturday night. Of the company and play the New York Herald said "As brought out by the Andrews Company it is both a majestic and massive representation. Its appointments are grand and picturesque in chromatic detail, and there is a peculiar fascination about the successive scenic accompaniments that defy imitation. It is an imposing spectacle of trade barbaric grandeur, attended with the delicate coloring of Asiatic imagination and the surprising richness of Mohammedan fancy. It is produced without any statement of its original charm, and preserves all the fascination which characterized it throughout the varied romantic incidents of its scenic contents." Admission 75, 50 and 25 cents.

Novel.

The Women's Exchange will remove on Friday, Feb. 26th, to the rooms occupied by the Singer Manufacturing Co., No. 245 North Water St., where the patrons of the exchange and the public generally will receive a cordial welcome.

Economy is money saved. Order Lincoln Coal, and it will reduce your coal bills. E. L. Martin, Agt. 22-1w

Orange Blossom Cook Books and picture card, free, at Peck & Co.'s. They sell the Orange Blossom and Red Cross Flour. Try it, and you will use no other. feb22-d1w

The Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at noon to-day:

Wheat—86 May; 87 June.

Corn—37 1/2 March; 37 1/2 April; 40 1/2 May.

Barley—29 1/2 March; — April; 32 1/2 May.

Pork—\$10.75 March; \$10.85 April; \$10.90 May.

Lard—\$6.00 March; — April; \$6.05 May.

CRIMINAL CASES IN COURT.

Staines and McGowan Acquitted in the Cattle Stealing Case—Court Notes.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25.

At the opening of court this morning, Judge Smith found a large crowd in waiting.

NOT GUILTY.

After being out all night, the jury in the grand larceny case of the People vs. Albert McGowan and Charles Staines, accused of stealing cattle from Joseph Arthur, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The jury members were J. W. Carter, J. A. Davidson, E. M. Kile, T. L. Davis, P. M. Seabring, Morris Kallenbach, Theo. Keller, M. C. Gregory, John Kline, H. H. Wise, Virgil Devore and David Hanks. The two hearings have been very expensive to the county. Both McGowan and Staines are indicted for attempted arson and Staines for burglary. Both in jail.

People vs. Enos E. Pennybacker; selling flesh of diseased animals. Trial by jury; verdict, defendant not guilty.

People vs. Anthony S. McDonald; assault with deadly weapon. Plea of not guilty withdrawn; pleaded guilty to first count; sentenced to county jail for 30 days.

People vs. Charles Staines; burglary and larceny. Nolle because of insolvency as to ownership of car.

People vs. Charles Staines; burglary and larceny. Correct indictment for the alleged theft of the Green carpet. Motion to quash indictment overruled; defendant arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Motion by defendant for continuance.

People vs. A. Sprague McDonald et al; attempted commit arson. Nolle entered as to McDonald.

People vs. John B. Noce; assault to murder and to do bodily injury. Defendant pleaded guilty to second count; nolle as to others. Defendant sentenced to six months in county jail and to pay costs.

People vs. John B. Noce; carrying concealed weapon. Defendant pleaded guilty to first four counts. Fined \$100 and costs.

People vs. William Etheridge; assault with intent to commit rape. Trial by jury pending.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

City of Decatur vs. Timothy O'Connor et al; trespass on the case. Defendants O'Connor and Quarry defaulted; judgment for \$150.

Decatur Gas Light & Coke Co. vs. City of Decatur; assumption. Taken on stipulation and to be decided by court in vacation.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Joseph McDonald et al vs. Ezra and Alva McDonald; partition. Report of sale approved, and order of distribution made. Stricken from docket.

The Concert Program.

A large number of tickets have been sold at 50 and 35 cents for the excellent vocal and instrumental concert to be given at Stapp's Chapel on Thursday evening, February 25th, proceeds to go toward the purchase of a new pipe organ. The entertainment will be first class in every respect, as will be noticed on reading the annexed program:

PART I.

1. Mozowski, Miss Stella B. Headen.

2. Verdi, Mrs. E. Huntington Henkle, Gypsy Melodist.

3. Schumann, Mrs. S. M. Lutz.

4. Dudley Buck, The Gypsy Lover's Song.

5. Hafdan Kjerfve, Last Night.

PART II.

6. Chopin, Miss Hadden.

7. Schubert, Mrs. S. M. Lutz.

8. Paganini, Mrs. S. M. Lutz.

9. Tosti, Mrs. Hadden.

10. Liszt, Mrs. Hadden.

Sup. Gastman in Washington.

The Chicago Tribune of Wednesday contained a special telegram from Washington City of local interest, referring as it does to our fellow-townman, Mr. E. A. Gastman, superintendent of city schools. The dispatch reads:

Illinois is well represented at the National Teachers' Association in session here. There are already present Colonel Parker, of the Cook County Normal School, Superintendent Howland, of Chicago city schools, State Superintendent Peoria, Superintendent Dougherty, of Peoria, Superintendent Gastman, of Decatur, and several others. At the session to-day Gen. Eaton, the National Commissioner of Education, paid a glowing tribute to the county superintendent system of Illinois, and called on State Superintendent Raab to make a statement in regard to it. This Superintendent Raab did. When he had finished Superintendent Gastman said that the state superintendent was too modest in the statement of his own labors. He said the work in his part of the state had been brought to such perfection that almost every family took a decided interest in it. The Decatur High School admits pupils from the county schools on the county superintendent's certificate that they have passed the proper examination. Colonel Parker said that he was in position to make a comparison between the east and the west on the subject, and he would assert that the east could study with profit the methods that were pursued in Illinois. He said the east would have to come west to learn how to manage common schools, and by the east he meant New England. It was practically conceded that Illinois has the best county system of any state in the Union.

The Harrison Jubilee Meeting.

A great religious jubilee was held at Springfield Thursday at the First Methodist church, where a revival has been in progress six weeks, under the ministrations of the Rev. Thomas Harrison, the boy preacher. The jubilee was the occasion of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the conversion of 1,000 persons since the meetings began. Services were held at 6 o'clock, at 10 o'clock, at 3 and at 7, and the attendance was far beyond the capacity of the church at each. People were present from Bloomington, Decatur, Mechanicsburg, Jacksonville, and from nearly all the smaller towns in the vicinity of Springfield, and at 8 o'clock in the evening a crowd still besieged the doors in a vain attempt to gain admission. Mr. Harrison, who was assisted by Rev. Green, of Kentucky, there is a large attendance upon each and religious matters as the favor of the town.

Bed Quilts and Housekeeping Linens.

We have just received the largest, best assorted and most complete inventory of above class of goods ever offered in Decatur. These goods embrace every grade and quality in the market, and we are positive that they are the cheapest lot of goods and best value ever sold here. See them and get our prices.

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CHAPMAN STORE.

It is a good rule to accept only such medicines as have, after long years of trial, proved worthy of confidence. This is a case where other people's experience may be of great service, and it has been the experience of thousands that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best cough medicine used.

New Spring Millinery on sale to-morrow, February 24th.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.

BARGAINS IN CLOAKS

Ladies' Wraps of Every Description.

We will close out what Cloaks we have remaining at Lower Prices than were ever sold. Bear in mind that we always make good our statements.

LINN & SCRUGGS.

Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hosiery, Gloves, Corsets, UNDERWEAR

